

FROM TREXLER ETAL.

(TUE) 7.12'05 14:13/ST. 14:12/NO. 4860347671 P 1

TREXLER, BUSHNELL, GIANGIORGI, BLACKSTONE & MARR, LTD.

COUNSELORS AT LAW

THE CLARK ADAMS BUILDING
105 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 3600
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603-6299
(312) 704-1890

RICHARD R. TREXLER (1906-1995)
RICHARD BUSHNELL (1926-2004)
RICHARD A. GIANGIORGI
RALPH A. BLACKSTONE JR.
DAVID I. MARR
LINDA L. PALOMAR
JAMES R. FOLEY
ROBERT J. DEPKE
JAMES A. O'MALLEY
TIMOTHY M. MCCARTHY
PAIGE A. KITZINGER

LEWIS T. STEADMAN, SR.
OF COUNSEL

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 12 2005

FOUNDED 1890

PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT
AND RELATED MATTERS, ALL PHASES
INCLUDING LICENSING AND LITIGATION

FAX: (312) 704-8023
www.trexlaw.com

FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

TOTAL PAGES (Including Cover Page) 9 DATE: July 12, 2005

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
TO: Attn: Examiner M. Patel FROM: Linda L. Palomar, Reg. No. 37,903

FAX NO: (703) 872-9306 FAX NO: (312) 704-8023

If you experience any difficulty with this transmission, please call (312) 704-1890 for assistance.

ORIGINAL COPY AND ENCLOSURES

 WILL BE SENT BY MAIL COURIER
 ✓ WILL NOT BE SENT

NOTES:

Inventor: Gradon et al.

For: **RESPIRATORY HUMIDIFICATION
SYSTEM**

Serial No.: 10/692,399

Art Unit: 3743

Filed: October 23, 2003

Attorney Ref.: 1171/41434/56F

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent
and Trademark Office to facsimile no. 1-703-872-9308 on July 12, 2005.

Lillian E. Sexton
Lillian E. Sexton

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This transmission (including all attached pages) is intended only for the use of the named addressee(s), and may contain information that is privileged or exempt from disclosure under applicable law. **IF YOU ARE NOT A NAMED ADDRESSEE, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY USE, DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS TRANSMISSION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** If you have received this transmission in error, please destroy all copies and notify us immediately at this telephone number: (312) 704-1890.

In re application of:

Serial No.: 10/692,399
 Filed: October 23, 2003
 For: RESPIRATORY HUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM
 Applicant: GRADON et al.
 Attorney Docket No.: 1171/41434/56F

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the
 Patent and Trademark Office to fax number (703) 872-9306 on:

July 12, 2005
 Date

Tiffany E. Sexton
 Tiffany E. Sexton

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an "AMENDMENT" for the above-identified application.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid for	Present Extra
TOTAL	* 1	MINUS	** 20	0
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	** 3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Addit. Fee
x 25 =	\$.00
x 100 =	\$.00
+ 180 =	\$.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$.00

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Addit. Fee
x 50 =	\$.00
x 200 =	\$.00
+ 360 =	\$.00
TOTAL	\$.00

OR

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
 ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
 *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 20-1495 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is also enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17

Dated: July 12, 2005

Raiford A. Blackstone, Jr. Reg. No. 25,156
Linda L. Palomar, Reg. No. 37,903
 Attorneys of Record

In re application of:

Serial No.: 10/692,399
 Filed: October 23, 2003
 For: RESPIRATORY HUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM
 Applicant: GRADON et al.
 Attorney Docket No.: 1171/41434/56F

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the
 Patent and Trademark Office to fax number (703) 872-9308 on:

July 12, 2005
 Date
Tiffany E. Sexton
 Tiffany E. Sexton

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an "AMENDMENT" for the above-identified application.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid for	Present Extra
TOTAL	* 1	MINUS	** 20	0
INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	** 3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Addit. Fee
x 25 =	\$.00
x 100 =	\$.00
+ 180 =	\$.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$.00

OR

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Addit. Fee
x 50 =	\$.00
x 200 =	\$.00
+ 360 =	\$.00
TOTAL	\$.00

OR

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
 ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
 *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 20-1495 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is also enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1495. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17

Dated: July 12, 2005

Raiford A. Blackstone, Jr.
 Raiford A. Blackstone, Jr. Reg. No. 25,156
Linda L. Palomar
 Linda L. Palomar, Reg. No. 37,903
 Attorneys of Record

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEPATENT
RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 12 2005

Serial No.: 10/692,399)
Applicant: GRADON, McPHEE,)
SEAKINS and LEONARD)
Filed: October 23, 2003)
For: RESPIRATORY)
HUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM)
Examiner: M. PATEL)
Art Unit: 3743)
Attorney Docket No.:)
1171/41434/56F)

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the
Patent and Trademark Office to fax number (703) 872-9306 on:

July 12, 2005
Date
Tiffany E. Sexton
Tiffany E. Sexton

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 18, 2005, having a shortened statutory
deadline for response of July 18, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified patent application
as follows: